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Letter dated 26 December 1991 from the Acting Chargé d'affaires of the Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, on the instructions of the Government of Costa Rica, a communiqué issued on 23 December 1991 concerning the extraordinary events that have transformed the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics into a community of independent States (see annex).

I request you to have this note and the attached communiqué circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 20 and of the Security Council.

(Signed) José María BORBON
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

ANNEX

Communiqué from the Government of Costa Rica
issued on 23 December 1991

The Government of Costa Rica expresses its satisfaction at the establishment, on 21 December 1991, of the community of independent States consisting of the majority of the Republics which made up the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The Government of Costa Rica announces its decision to recognize the Russian Federation as successor State to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and to recognize, as sovereign and independent States, the Republics of Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and all the other new sovereign and independent Republics: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Moldavia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. It also announces its intention to establish diplomatic and consular relations with those Republics as soon as possible.

Lastly, Costa Rica wishes to stress the invaluable role played by His Excellency Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, whose desire for peace and democracy and whose bold leadership were decisive factors in ending the cold war and bringing about the emergence of a new model of international relations based on cooperation and coordination.